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INTERNET INFORMATION

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All of the AMS Market News reports can be accessed at this Website. Reports are available here for each of the Market News branches as shown below:

- Cotton Market News
- Dairy Market News
- Fruit and Vegetable Market News
- Livestock and Grain Market News
- Poultry Market News
- Tobacco Market News

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MARKET NEWS

Eyes and Ears of the Produce Industry Since 1915, Fruit and Vegetable Market News reports have provided an exchange of information among growers, shippers, wholesalers, and others on current supplies, demand, and prices of over 400 fresh fruit, vegetable, nut, ornamental, and other specialty crops. Because of the perishable and seasonal nature of fresh fruits and vegetables, prices and supplies fluctuate rapidly from day to day, and even from hour to hour. Thus, fast, timely and impartial reporting of supply, price, and market conditions helps facilitates an efficient marketing system.

The information is gathered through confidential telephone and face-to-face interviews carried out by skilled market reporters employed jointly by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and State agencies. Reports are impartial, current, and reliable. They are disseminated free of charge by satellite, newspapers, radio, television, and Internet sources and are available on a subscription basis in printed reports, E-mail reports, and by facsimile machine. Nearly 400 different reports are issued daily, weekly, monthly, or annually to assist industry members in making marketing decisions.

Terminal Market Reports Terminal market reports on fruits and vegetables are issued daily based on information gathered at 15 major U.S. cities. These reports include price data on commodities traded at the local wholesale market level. Prices reported in terminal markets are those received by wholesalers for sales of less than a carload or truckload of a product, for product that is of good merchantable quality and condition, unless otherwise described.

Shipping Point Reports cover major fruit and vegetable growing areas and provide rail and truck shipment information. The reports include f.o.b., or shipping point, prices that represent the most uniform level of trading. Prices are reported daily by type of sale and indicate at what price the product was sold.

Seasonal Shipping Point Summaries are issued at the end of each marketing season. Some summaries deal with a single commodity for a specified production area, but most cover a range of commodities or a specific group of commodities nationwide. The reports summarize information on production, shipments, distribution, shipping point and terminal market prices, and other factors influencing marketing.

The *National F.O.B. Review* is a new report which contains all of the shipping point reports released by Market News on that day. The report is released by the close of business each day, allowing more timely access to the market information.

The *National Shipping Point Trends* is a weekly report that details background information at various shipping points on such things as shipments, prices, trading during the past week, crop conditions, harvesting progress, and the outlook for the upcoming 2 weeks.

The *International Report: Fresh Fruit, Vegetable and Ornamental Crops* is issued biweekly, reports on U.S. imports of Mexican, Chilean, South African and Caribbean Basin produce, as well as key wholesale markets in Canada, Mexico, England, Poland, Germany, France, Bulgaria, the Netherlands, Japan, and Colombia. Market information from other areas will be included as they become available.

The *National Potato and Onion Report* is released daily and includes F.O.B. price and supply information for all major potato and onion producing regions throughout the United States and for imports. Also included in the reports is National Shipping Trends and Crop Weather Highlights.

The *National Watermelon Report* contains daily F.O.B. price information and daily shipments in 45,000 pound units for watermelons grown domestically and imported from Mexico. Included in the domestic growing areas are California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Central and Western Arizona. Wholesale market reports are also included.

The *Eastern Vegetable and Fruit Report* consists of daily F.O.B. price reports for eastern growing regions and some competing western growing regions for commodities such as beans, cabbage, carrots, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, nectarines, okra, onions, peaches, peppers, squash and tomatoes.

Special Reports *The National Truck Rate and Cost Report* lists the average freight rates from most major shipping areas to selected markets across the United States on a weekly and yearly basis.

The bi-weekly *Pecan Report* covers the demand, market conditions, and prices paid to growers of pecans at southeastern shipping points as well as in some competing areas.

The weekly *Peanut Report* contains information on growing, harvesting, and marketing conditions. It includes prices for farmers' stock; shelled and cleaned peanuts; peanut meal; and peanut oil in major shipping areas.

The monthly *National Honey Report* contains honey and other information which may be of interest to beekeepers and honey handlers.

Ornamental crop reports are provided both for wholesale and shipping point levels. Reports are provided once or twice a week (depending on the market) on all cut flowers, decorative ferns, and some other ornamental crops sold at major markets. Shipping point reports are issued for important production areas in California, Colorado, and Florida, in addition to prices paid to importers for Caribbean and South American cut flowers. These reports include wholesale market information from Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Seattle and *The National Ornamental Shipping Point Report*.

Processing crop reports are issued from June through October for a limited number of commodities. Reports indicate the volume delivered to processors and the prices paid for strawberries and various types of bush berries. Prices paid by processors for apples, potatoes, and sweet potatoes are reported each week by most production offices in regions where these commodities are grown.

CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER

Fruit and Vegetable Market News operates a Customer Service Center to provide customers with the convenience of “one-stop shopping.” Market News not only prints and disseminates reports in a standard format from a single location, but it also more efficiently maintains subscription lists and handles data requests. The result is consolidated, consistent reports that are provided in a timely manner by fax, U.S. mail, the USDA Website, and by direct e-mail.

The Customer Service Center, located in Fresno, CA, has a Special Request Section to handle specific information or data needs. Special requests can also be directed to Branch headquarters at (202) 720-2745. These specific reports are available for a small user fee, determined by the complexity of the request.

The Customer Service Center can be contacted at **(800) 487-8796**.

Reports currently being published at the Customer Service Center:

Asparagus Fax Report	National Berry Report
AMS Food Purchase Report	National F.O.B. Review
Chilean Fruit & Vegetable Report	National Ornamental Shipping
Florida Vegetable Report	Point Report
Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Shipments	National Shipping Point Trends
Grape Supplement Report	National Truck Rate Report
Honey Report	National Wholesale Herb Report
Marketing Caribbean Fruit and	Ornamental Crops National Market
Vegetable Report	Trends
Mexico Fruit & Vegetable Cross-	The International Report
ings Report	Tomato Fax Report
National Apple & Pear Report	Western Fruit Report
National Apple Processing Report	Western Melon & Vegetable Report

In addition, the Customer Service Center publishes daily, wholesale market reports for the following U.S. cities:

Atlanta, GA	Dallas, TX	Philadelphia, PA
Baltimore, MD	Detroit, MI	Pittsburgh, PA
Boston, MA	Los Angeles, CA	San Francisco, CA
Chicago, IL	Miami, FL	Seattle, WA
Columbia, SC	New York, NY	St. Louis, MO

Please note that most market reports are available on the AMS Market News Website at no charge. Hard copies of market reports, either mailed or faxed, are available for a small user or subscription fee.

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CALIFORNIA		
Brenda Shuklian 2202 Monterey Street Suite 104-D Fresno, CA 93794-9788	CA Fruit, Melons, Berries, Asparagus	(559) 487-5178 (559) 487-5199 Fax
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FLORIDA		
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GEORGIA		
Ashraf Zaki 203 Administration Building 16 Forest Parkway Forest Park, GA 30297 (Atlanta)	Wholesale F&V Terminal	(404) 763-7297 (404) 363-2523 Fax
VACANT P.O. Box 1447 Thomasville, GA 31799	Southeastern Onions, Vegetables, Watermelons, Tomatoes GA, SC, FL Peaches, Pecans, Peanuts	(229) 228-1208 (229) 225-1516 Fax
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MARKET NEWS TELEPHONE RECORDERS

In order to better serve our customers, many Market News offices load telephone recorders with commodity information on a daily basis. Below is a list of the telephone numbers that our customers can call to hear up-to-date information on shipping point and wholesale market prices and conditions. Please note that some numbers may be repeated as these recorders carry multiple commodity information.

F.O.B. FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Austin, TX	(in Texas only)	(800) 252-3407
	(out-of-state access)	(512) 463-1225
Baton Rouge, LA		(504) 922-1331
Benton Harbor, MI		(269) 925-1096
Bridgeton, NJ		(609) 453-3959
Chicago, IL	(Wisc. Pots & Ons)	(608) 224-5088
Honolulu, HI		(808) 973-9581
Ithaca, NY	(Vegetables only)	(607) 334-8565
Mexico, NY	(Vegetables only)	(315) 963-7668
Nogales, AZ	(Vegs & Melons)	(520) 287-4167
Onley, VA		(804) 225-2812
Orlando, FL		(407) 897-4374
Philadelphia, PA		(215) 597-4429
Phoenix, AZ	(Vegetables only)	(602) 542-2525
Raleigh, NC		(919) 733-0016
Thomasville, GA		(229) 226-7567
Yakima, WA	(Fruit only)	(509) 453-6073
Yuma, AZ	(Vegetables only)	(520) 317-1337

WHOLESALE MARKETS

Atlanta, GA		(404) 362-9139
Honolulu, HI	(808) 973-9581 &	(808) 974-6510
San Francisco, CA		(415) 705-2912

AUCTIONS AND FARMERS MARKETS

Benton Harbor, MI		(616) 925-1096
Columbia, SC		(803) 253-4040

F.O.B. POTATO

Austin, TX	(TX only)	(800) 252-3407	(May-Sept.)
	(out-of-state)	(512) 463-1225	
Bay City, MI		(517) 895-4029	
Idaho Falls, ID		(208) 522-3979	
Merrill, OR		(541) 273-6301	
Monte Vista, CO		(719) 852-2568	

F.O.B. ONION

Austin, TX	(TX only)	(800) 252-3407	(May-Sept.)
	(out-of-state)	(512) 463-1225	
Grand Rapids, MI		(616) 451-8676	(Aug.-Apr.)
Merrill, OR		(541) 273-6301	
Ontario, OR		(541) 889-4551	

MELONS

Nogales, AZ		(520) 287-4167	
Cordele, GA		(229) 273-4048	(June-Aug.)
Austin, TX	(TX only)	(800) 252-3407	(May-Sept.)
	(out-of-state)	(512) 463-1225	

BLUEBERRIES

Grand Haven, MI		(269) 846-8141	(July-Oct.)
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PEACHES

Fort Valley, GA		(478) 825-8291	(May-Aug.)
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PECANS

Albany, GA		(229) 436-8781	(Oct.-Jan.)
Austin, TX	(TX only)	(800) 252-3407	(Oct.-Jan.)
	(out-of-state)	(512) 463-1225	

ORNAMENTALS

San Francisco, CA		(510) 637-1850	
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CUT FLOWERS

Miami, FL		(305) 373-3048	
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HOW TO READ A MARKET REPORT

The following terms and definitions are frequently used in Fruit and Vegetable Market News reports:

QUALITY includes size, color, shape, texture, cleanness, freedom from defects, and other more permanent physical properties of a product which can affect its market value.

The following terms, when used in connection with “quality,” are interpreted as meaning:

FINE: Better than good. Superior in appearance, color, and other quality factors.

GOOD: In general, stock which has a high degree of merchantability with a small percentage of defects. This term includes U.S. No. 1 stock, generally 85 percent U.S. No. 1 or better quality on some commodities, such as tomatoes.

FAIR: Having a higher percentage of defects than “good.” From a quality standpoint, having roughly 75 percent U.S. No. 1 quality with some leeway in either direction.

ORDINARY: Having a heavy percentage of defects as compared to “good.” Roughly 50 to 65 percent U.S. No. 1 quality.

POOR: Having a heavy percentage of defects, with a low degree of salability, except to “low priced” trade. More than 50 percent grade defects.

CONDITION includes stage of maturity, decay, freezing injury, shriveling, or any other deterioration which may have occurred, or progressed since the product was harvested and which may continue to progress.

The following terms, when used in connection with “condition,” are interpreted as meaning:

GOOD: Such condition does not justify price reduction because of condition factors.

FAIR: Having a slight degree of off-condition factors which may warrant a small price reduction as compared to “good.”

ORDINARY: Having a heavier degree of off-condition factors which may warrant a substantial price reduction as compared to “good.”

POOR: So badly off-condition as may warrant heavy price reduction.

HOLDOVERS: Refers to merchandise that has been on the terminal market or at shipping point longer than normal, but remains near its original condition. Prices are discounted in order to clear supplies because shelf-life is reduced.

DEMAND represents the immediate or current desire for a product coupled with the ability and willingness of the buyer to buy it.

The following terms, when used in connection with “demand,” are interpreted as meaning:

DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY/OFFERINGS: When demand is substantially greater than available supplies/offering.

VERY GOOD: Demand is well above average for seasonally normal supplies/offerings.

GOOD: Demand is better than average and trading is more active than normal.

FAIRLY GOOD: Demand is slightly above average buyer interest and trading.

MODERATE: Average buyer interest and trading.

FAIRLY LIGHT: Buyer interest and trading are slightly below average.

LIGHT: Demand is below average.

VERY LIGHT: Few buyers are interested in trading.

PRACTICALLY NO DEMAND: Indicates a stagnant condition on the market, with very little interest and very few or no sales.

The following terms, when used in Market News, Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA), or Federal-State inspection documents, are interpreted as meaning:

Occasional	1 to 5%
Few	6 to 10%
Some	11 to 25%
Many	26 to 50%
Mostly	51 to 90%
Generally	91 to 100%

MARKET TERMS

PRICE TREND: Indicates comparisons with conditions and prices which prevailed on the previous day, and in certain situations, conditions expected on the day following, or both.

STRONG: Prices are measurably higher than the previous trading session, and it is the reporter's opinion that the trend toward higher prices has not yet reached its highest level.

MUCH HIGHER: Prices are substantially higher than the previous trading day.

HIGHER: The majority of sales have prices which are measurably higher than the previous trading session.

SLIGHTLY HIGHER: A condition in which advances are less definite and less general than when "higher" is used.

UNSETTLED: Used rarely to indicate a condition of market uncertainty with lack of agreement by the trade as to whether prices tend to be lower or higher. May also represent an attitude pending the development or outcome of extraneous factors which might affect the market.

STEADY: Prices are unchanged from the previous trading session.

ABOUT STEADY: Probably the most used term since a market situation seldomly remains exactly the same two or more consecutive days without some change, even though not significant.

DULL: Prices are relatively unchanged from the previous session, trading is inactive, and prices represent few sales.

SLIGHTLY LOWER: A condition in which price declines are less definite and less general than when “lower” is used.

LOWER: Prices for most sales are measurably lower than the previous trading session.

MUCH LOWER: Prices are substantially lower than the previous trading session.

WEAK: Indicates a downward trend. Prices are measurably lower than the previous trading session and may be lower the following day.

DEMORALIZED: A condition in which the terminal market or shipping point is oversupplied with perishable commodities that cannot be sold except at extremely low prices.

COMMON TYPES OF SALES

SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT: Produce quoted or sold is placed free on board the boat, car, truck, or other type of land transportation at shipping point in suitable shipping condition. The buyer assumes all risk of damage and delay in transit not caused by the seller, regardless of how the shipment is billed. The buyer shall have the right to inspect the goods at the destination before payment is made to determine if the produce shipped complied with the terms of the contract or order at time of shipment, subject to provisions covering suitable shipping conditions. The right of inspection does not convey or imply a right for the buyer to reject shipment because of any loss, damage, deterioration, or changes which have occurred in transit.

DELIVERED SALES, SHIPPING POINT BASIS: Produce is to be delivered by the seller on board the car, truck, dock (if delivered by boat) to the market where the buyer is located, or at any such other market that is agreed upon, free of any charges for transportation or protective service. The seller assumes all risks of loss or damage in transit not caused by the buyer.

SALES F.O.B. POINT (OR PORT) OF ENTRY: Sales of imported produce on an F.O.B. shipping point basis, with the shipping point as the crossing point or port of import, with any duties, crossing charges, or import fees paid prior to the reported sale.

PRICES PAID TO GROWERS: Prices paid to growers by packers or shippers, indicating the unit of sale and point of sale, or basis of delivery most common in the territory. Examples: "Bulk per cwt: U.S. No. 1 at warehouse," "per ton sacked and loaded," or "per package, in field, buyer furnishing packages."

TERM ABBREVIATIONS

appearance	appear	hundredweight	cwt
approximately	approx	inch	in
average	avg	include(s)	incl(s)
bagged	bgd	jumbo	jbo
baled	bld	large	lge
basket	bkt/bskt	larger	lgr
bushel	bu	layer	lyr
bunch(ed)(s)	bch(d)(s)	loose	lse
bundle	bdl	master container	mctr
bushel basket	bubkt/bskt	medium	med
Canada		miniature	mini
Number One	CDOne	minimum	min
carton	ctn	miscellaneous	misc
celery crate	cel crt	number	No. or #
cellpack	celpk	occasional	occas
Chef's Special	Chef'sSpec	ordinary	ord
colossal	col	ounce	oz
combination	comb	package(s)	pkg(s)
commercial	com	percent	pct or %
condition	cond	pint	pt
container(s)	cntr(s)	pound	lb
Controlled Atmosphere	CA	pyramid	pyr
Storage		quality	qual
crate	crt	quart	qt
dispenser(s)	dspncr(s)	repack(ed)(er)	rpk(d)(r)
dozen	dz	sacks	sks
Eastern Boston	Ebcrt	shippers	shprs
Crate		size	sz
extra	ex	small(er)	sml(r)
extra large	xlge	standard	std
fair(ly)	fr(ly)	topped	tpd
fancy	fcy	traypack	trpk
film	flm	unclassified	uncl
flat(s)	flt(s)	U.S. Number One	USOne
flat cartons	fltctn(s)	waxed	wxd
green	grn	Western Growers Association	
greenhouse	grnhse	Crate	WGAct
half	hlf or 1/2	wirebound crates	wbcrts
hamper	hmpr	wrap(ped)	wrp(d)
holdovers	hldovrs		

STATE AND COUNTRY ABBREVIATIONS

Note: The Fruit and Vegetable Market News Service is in the process of revising its two-letter country abbreviations in order to conform with the International Standards Organization (ISO) abbreviations.

Alaska	AK	Nebraska	NE
Alabama	AL	Nevada	NV
Appalachia	AP	New England	NENG
Arkansas	AR	New Hampshire	NH
Arizona	AZ	New Jersey	NJ
California	CA	New Mexico	NM
California-Central	CA-C	New York	NY
California-Imperial		North Carolina	NC
Valley	CA-I	North Dakota	ND
California-North	CA-N	Ohio	OH
California-South	CA-S	Oklahoma	OK
California-Oregon	CAOR	Oregon	OR
Colorado	CO	Pennsylvania	PA
Connecticut	CT	Puerto Rico	PR
District of Columbia	DC	Rhode Island	RI
Delaware	DE	South Carolina	SC
Florida	FL	South Dakota	SD
Georgia	GA	Tennessee	TN
Hawaii	HI	Texas	TX
Iowa	IA	United States	US
Idaho	ID	Utah	UT
Idaho-Oregon	IDOR	Vermont	VT
Illinois	IL	Virginia	VA
Indiana	IN	Washington	WA
Kansas	KS	West Virginia	WV
Kentucky	KY	Wisconsin	WI
Long Island, NY	LI	Wyoming	WY
Louisiana	LA		
Massachusetts	MA	Antiqua	AT
Maine	MN	Argentina	AG
Maryland	MD	Australia	AU
Michigan	MI	Bahamas	BA
Minnesota	MN	Barbados	BB
Minnesota-North Dakota	MNND	Belgium	BL
Mississippi	MS	Belize	BZ
Missouri	MO	Bermuda	BE
Montana	MT	Bolivia	BO

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STATE AND COUNTRY ABBREVIATIONS

Brazil	BR	Kenya	KE
Bulgaria	BU	Malaysia	ML
Canada	CD	Martinique	MQ
Canary Islands	CY	Mauritius	MU
Chile	CL	Mexico	MX
China	CQ	Morocco	MR
Colombia	CB	Netherlands	NL
Costa Rica	CR	New Zealand	NZ
Cuba	CU	Nicaragua	NI
Cyprus	CP	Nigeria	NG
Czech Republic	CZ	Panama	PN
Denmark	DN	Peru	PE
Dominican Republic	DR	Philippines	PI
Ecuador	EC	Poland	PL
Egypt	EG	Portugal	PO
El Salvador	EL	Romania	RO
England	EN	Samoa	SM
Ethiopia	ET	Senegal	SE
Fiji Islands	FI	Singapore	SG
France	FR	South Africa	SF
Germany	GM	South Korea	SK
Ghana	GH	Spain	SP
Greece	GR	Sri Lanka	SL
Grenada	GE	Swaziland	SZ
Guadeloupe	GD	Sweden	SN
Guatemala	GU	Switzerland	SW
Guyana	GY	Tahiti	TA
Haiti	HT	Taiwan	TW
Honduras	HD	Thailand	TL
Hungary	HU	Trinidad-Tobago	TT
Imports	ZZ	Turkey	TU
India	IQ	United Kingdom	UK
Indonesia	IO	Uruguay	UR
Iran	IR	Venezuela	VZ
Ireland	IE	Virgin Islands	VI
Israel	IS	Windward Islands	WN
Italy	IT	Yugoslavia	YU
Ivory Coast	IV	Zambia	ZA
Jamaica	JM	Zimbabwe	ZI
Japan	JA		
Jordan	JD		

CONTAINER NET WEIGHTS

The following list shows commodities and their most commonly used containers.
The net weight signifies the conversion factor used to convert packages to weight.

<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>PACKAGE</u>	<u>WEIGHT (LBS)</u>
APPLES	Ctn, tray or cell pack	40
APRICOTS	Ctn	24
ARTICHOKES	Ctn	23
ASPARAGUS	ctn or crt	11
AVOCADOS	2-lyr ctn	23 & 26
BANANAS	Ctn	40
BEANS, GREEN	Bu bskt, ctn or crt	30
BEETS	Ctn or crt, 12's	20
BLUEBERRIES	12-1 pt tray	11
BROCCOLI	Ctn or crt, 14-18's	23
CABBAGE	Ctn, crt or sack	50
CANTALOUPS	1/2 ctn or crt	40
CARROTS (Topped)	48 1-lb film bags	48
	Sacks, as marked	25 & 50
CAULIFLOWER	Ctn, film wrpd	25
CELERY	Ctn or crt	60
	Hearts - ctn film bage	28
CHERRIES	Ctn or lug (CA and WA)	18 & 20
CHINESE CABBAGE	Celery crt	50
CLEMENTINE	Ctn or crt	5
CORN, SWEET	Ctn or crt	42
CUCUMBERS	Bu & 1-1/9 bu ctn or crt	55
	Greenhouse filmwrpd	12
EGGPLANT	Bu & 1-1/9 bu ctn or crt	33
ESCAROLE & ENDIVE	1-1/9 bu ctn or crt	25
	Ctns, 24's	34
GARLIC	Ctn	30
GRAPEFRUIT	Ctn (FL & TX)	40
	Ctn (AZ & CA)	34
GRAPES, TABLE	Lug Ctn or lug (CA)	18 & 19
	Ctn or lug (Chile)	18
GREENS	Bu bskt, ctn or crt	25
HONEYDEW	Ctn	30
& MISC. MELON		
KIWIFRUIT	1-lyr flat	7
LEMONS	Ctns (AZ & CA)	38

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<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>PACKAGE</u>	<u>WEIGHT (LBS)</u>
LETTUCE:		
ICEBERG	Ctns, 24's	50
ROMAINE	1-1/9 bu ctn or crt	22
	Ctn or crt, 24's (West)	40
OTHER:		
LEAF	Ctns, 24's	20 & 25
LIMES	Ctn (FL)	10
	Ctn (MX)	40
MANGOES	1-lyr flat	10
NECATRINES	1/2 bu ctn loose	25
	2-lyr ctn or lug (Chile)	18
OKRA	1/2 bu bskt or crt	15
ONIONS, DRY	Sacks as marked	25 & 50
ONIONS, GREEN	Ctn 48 bchs	13
ORANGES	Ctns (FL & TX)	42 & 43
	Ctns (AZ & CA)	38
PAPAYA	Ctn (Hawaii)	10
PARSLEY	Bu, 60 bchs	21
PEACHES	3/4 bu ctn or crt	38
	2-lyr ctn	22
	2-lyr ctn or lug (Chile)	18
PEARS	4/5 bu box or ctn	45
PEAS, GREEN	Bu bskt, ctn or crt	30
PEPPERS	Bu & 1-1/9 bu ctn or crt	28
	Ctn (CA, TX & MX)	30
PEPPERS, OTHER	1/2 bu ctn	15
	Ctn	10
PERSIMMONS	1-lyr ctn or lug	11
PINEAPPLE	2-lyr ctn	40
	1-lyr ctn	20
PLUMS	1/2 bu bskt or ctn	30
	2-lyr ctn or lug (Chile)	18
POMEGRANATES	2-lyr ctn or lug	22
POTATOES	Sacks, as marked ctn	50
	Cwt	100
PRUNES	1/2 bu bskt or ctn	30
RADISHES (topped)	Ctn 30-6 oz bags	12
	Ctn or crt, 48 bchs	35
RASPBERRIES	12 6-oz cups	5
SPINACH	Bu bskt, ctn or crt	25

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<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>PACKAGE</u>	<u>WEIGHT (LBS)</u>
SQUASH (Soft Shell)	1/2 bu bskt, ctn or crt	21
	Ctn or lug	26
SQUASH (Hard Shell)	1-1/9 bu crt	50
STRAWBERRIES	12-1 pt flat	12
SWEET POTATOES	Ctn or crt	40
TANGELOS	4/5 bu ctn or crt	43
	1/2 bu ctn (AZ & CA)	25
TANGERINES	4/5 bu ctn or crt	43
	Ctn (AZ & CA)	25
TEMPLES	4/5 bu ctn or crt	43
TOMATOES	3-lyr lug	30
	Ctn	25
	2-lyr flat	20
TOMATOES, CHERRY	12-1 pt flat	15
TOMATOES, PLUM	Ctn	25
TURNIPS	Film bags	25
WATERMELONS	Cwt	100

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